

# NLCA vs NLC:

## What's the Difference?



### Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators

- The governing body of the NLC
- Purpose is to implement and maintain the NLC
- A quasi-governmental agency with characteristics of being a subfederal and suprapstate entity
- An agency created when the first two states enacted the NLC
- Comprised of the executive directors of boards of nursing in NLC states
- Activities are government function and form public policy
- Affiliated with and supported in part by NCSBN, although a distinct, non-incorporated entity and not a 501(c)3 organization"
- Members have the right to vote on matters affecting membership
- Members meet face-to-face twice a year
- Subjects itself to federal open meetings laws requirements



### Nurse Licensure Compact

- An interstate compact permitting practice across state lines
- The framework of the NLC
- Allows an RN or LPN/VN to practice physically or electronically in all member states with one multistate license
- A statutory contract between all member states
- The Model Legislation adopted by NLC member boards, passed by the individual state legislative bodies, then signed into law by the states' governors"
- Created by a vote of the NCSBN Delegate Assembly in 1997 and was implemented in 2000 when the first two states enacted legislation
- Legislation must be enacted in a state without deviations from the NLC model
- To join, a state must adopt and implement the Model Legislation
- A licensure model for portability and mobility
- Is similar to and based on the Driver License Compact

For more information about the NLC,  
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